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Re: Weather Spotter Training

CUMULONIMBUS SEASON IS APPROACHING – ARE YOU PREPARED?

WELD COUNTY, CO – Each year, Weld County skies are overtaken by cumulonimbus. Their size is overwhelming, and they are responsible for producing one of the very things Weld County is most noted for nationally. Being able to spot one of these and understand how you can protect you and your family from them is crucial!



Cumulonimbus is a cloud formation which reaches thousands of feet into the atmosphere and often looks a like mushroom or cauliflower. They are indicative of severe thunderstorms and can produce hail and tornados. Did you know, more tornados are produced in Weld County than anywhere else in the country?

and prepared for severe weather."

Weather spotters are regularly used by the National Weather Service to help them provide timely warnings to the public when severe weather strikes. You can become a weather spotter by attending the Weather Spotter Training Class presented by the National Weather Service and hosted by the Weld County OEM at the Weld County Administration Building, 1150 O St., Greeley.

Contact the Weld County Office of Emergency Management at (970) 304-6540, or email Gracie Marquez at gmarquez@weldgov.com to reserve a seat in the training.

What are we talking about? Thunderstorms, of course. Spring is coming and along with warmer weather comes the danger of severe storms.

The Weld County Office of Emergency Management (OEM) is hosting a free Weather Spotter Training Class at 6:30 p.m. on Thursday, March 22. **The class is free, but a reservation is required.**

Attendees will learn about different types of weather systems, and how to spot and report severe weather, such as tornados and thunderstorms. They will also learn how to stay safe in the event of tornados, floods and lightning.

"This year marks the 10th anniversary of the 2008 Weld County tornado, which impacted Platteville, Gilcrest, Greeley and Windsor," said Weld County OEM Director Roy Rudisill. "And as that tornado taught us, severe weather can strike anytime, anywhere. It is important for Weld County residents to be knowledgeable about

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